

FA24: APPLIED ALGORITHMS: 11565 - ASSIGNMENT - 1

QUESTION 2

a) def function1(n):
 for i in range(0, n): ——— ①
 for j in range(0, i): ——— ②
 k = j
 while k < n: } ——— ③
 k += 1
 return

① The outer loop runs n times

② In the middle loop, for each value of i , the loop runs i times

$$\text{Total iterations} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = 0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1)$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \Rightarrow O(n^2)$$

i	mid loop
0	0
1	1
2	2
⋮	⋮
i	n-1

③ In the inner while loop, for each iteration of the middle loop, the while loop runs from $k = j$ to $k = n$ times $\Rightarrow n - j$ times

$$\text{Total iterations} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (n-j) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[n \times i - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} j \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[n \cdot i - \frac{i(i-1)}{2} \right] = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} n \cdot i$$

$$= n \times \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = O(n^3)$$

Hence the overall time complexity will be $O(n^3)$

b)

def function2(n):

i = n

while i > 0:

i = i // 3

return

⇒ Variable i starts at i = n and is divided by 3 in each iteration and the loop continues until i > 0

Total number of iterations:

- In each iteration i is divided by 3 ⇒ $\frac{n}{3}$

- After K iterations, i will be ⇒ $\frac{n}{3^K}$

- Loop terminates when $\frac{n}{3^K} \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow K \approx \log_3 n$$

- Hence the total number of iterations is proportional to $\log_3 n$

i	iteration
1	$n/3$
2	$n/3^2$
⋮	⋮
K	$n/3^K$

$$\frac{n}{3^K} = 1$$

$$n = 3^K$$

$$\log_3 n = K$$

Thus the overall time complexity will be $O(\log n)$

c) def function3(n):

i = 1

while i * i < n:

i += 1

return

The while loop continues as long as $i^2 < n$, which implies i * i becomes greater than or equal to n.

- The loop increments i by 1 in each iteration

- Condition $i^2 < n \Rightarrow i \geq \sqrt{n}$

- Hence the loop runs approximately \sqrt{n} times.

Thus the overall time complexity will be $O(\sqrt{n})$

d) def function4(n):

i = n

while i > 0: —①

for j in range(0, n): —②

for k in range(0, j): —③

x = k

i = i // 2

return

① The outer while loop starts with $i = n$ and repeatedly halves i until it reaches 0.

Hence it runs $O(\log n)$ times

② The middle loop (for) runs n times for each while loop iteration

③ For each value of j , the inner for loop runs j times

Total number of iterations for the nested for loops:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} j = 0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \Rightarrow O(n^2)$$

j	no. of times
0	0
1	1
2	2
...	...
j	j
n-1	n-1

Total time complexity: $O(\log n) \times O(n^2) = O(n^2 \log n)$

e) def function5(n):

i = 2

while i < n:

i = i * i

return

The variable i starts at 2 and is squared in each iteration.

The while loop continues as long as $i < n$

- In each iteration i is squared,
So the value of i grow as:

First iteration $i = 2^2 = 4$

Second iteration $i = 4^2 = 16$

Third iteration $i = 16^2 = 256$ and so on

i	i^2	k iters
2	2^2	2^{2^1}
4	4^2	2^{2^2}
16	16^2	2^{2^3}
		\vdots
		$k^{\text{th}} \text{ iteration} \Rightarrow 2^{2^k}$

- So after k iterations i will be 2^{2^k}

- Solving for $k \Rightarrow 2^{2^k} \geq n$

Taking log twice...

$$k \approx \log \log n$$

Hence the overall time complexity will be $O(\log \log n)$

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QUESTION-11

a) $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ where $f(n) = 3n + 4$ and $g(n) = n$

Big-O Definition:

We say that $f(n) \in O(g(n))$ if there exist positive constants c and n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$: $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$

PROOF:

$$f(n) = 3n + 4$$

$$g(n) = n$$

We want to find constants c and n_0 such that: $3n + 4 \leq c \cdot n$
for all $n \geq n_0$

Dividing both sides by n , assuming $n > 0$: $3 + \frac{4}{n} \leq c$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{4}{n}$ becomes very small, so for sufficiently large n , we can make the inequality hold.

Let $n_0 = 1$, then $3 + \frac{4}{1} = 7$

Thus if we choose $c = 7$, the inequality $3n + 4 \leq 7n$ holds for all $n \geq 1$

Hence we conclude that $f(n) = 3n + 4 \in O(n)$

$\therefore f(n) \in O(g(n))$ is true

b) $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ where $f(n) = 5n^2 + 2n \log n$ and $g(n) = n^2$

Big-Theta Definition:

We say $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$, if there exist positive constants c_1, c_2 and n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$: $c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g(n)$

PROOF:

$$f(n) = 5n^2 + 2n \log n$$

$$g(n) = n^2$$

we need to show that $f(n)$ is asymptotically bounded both above & below by $g(n)$

1. UPPER BOUND:

For large n , the term $5n^2$ dominates $2n \log n$ because n^2 grows faster than $n \log n$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = 5n^2 + 2n \log n \leq 6n^2 \text{ for sufficiently large } n$$

$$\text{So } f(n) \leq c_2 n^2 \text{ with } c_2 = 6$$

2. LOWER BOUND:

Similarly for large n , the term $5n^2$ dominates $2n \log n$

$$\text{So, } f(n) = 5n^2 + 2n \log n \geq 5n^2 \text{ for sufficiently large } n$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \geq c_1 n^2 \text{ with } c_1 = 5$$

Since we have both upper and lower bounds, we can conclude that $f(n)$ is asymptotically tight around n^2

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = 5n^2 + 2n \log n \in \Theta(n^2)$$

$$\therefore f(n) \in \Theta(g(n)) \text{ is true}$$

c) $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ where $f(n) = n \log n + 100$ and $g(n) = n$

Big-Omega Definition:

We say $f(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$ if there exists positive constants c and n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$: $f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n)$

PROOF:

$$f(n) = n \log n + 100$$

$$g(n) = n$$

We want to find constants c and n_0 such that:

$$n \log n + 100 \geq c \cdot n \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

For large n , $n \log n$ dominates 100, so that 100 becomes negligible.

So focusing on term $n \log n$, we need $n \log n \geq c \cdot n$

Divide on both sides by n , $\log n \geq c$

For large enough n , this inequality holds for any constant c .

Specifically for $n \geq 2$, we can choose $c=1$ and $\log n \geq 1$ will be true

Since $f(n) \geq c \cdot n$ for $c=1$ and $n_0=2$, we can conclude that

$$f(n) = n \log + 100 \in \Omega(n)$$

$\therefore f(n) \in \Omega(g(n)) \text{ is true}$

d) $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ where $f(n) = n \log n$ and $g(n) = 2^n$

PROOF:

$$f(n) = n \log n$$

$$g(n) = 2^n$$

For $f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$, we would need $f(n)$ to be asymptotically both upper and lower bounded by $g(n)$. However $n \log n$ grows much slower than 2^n .

UPPER BOUND

For large n , $n \log n$ grows slower than 2^n . w.k.t $n \log n = o(2^n)$

because 2^n grows exponentially while $n \log n$ grows subexponentially

This implies that $f(n)$ is not comparable to $g(n)$ in terms of growth rates.

Since $n \log n$ grows much slower than 2^n , we have

$$f(n) = n \log n \notin \Theta(2^n)$$

$\therefore f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$ is not true

e) $f(n) \in o(g(n))$ where $f(n) = n^{1.5} + \log_2 n$ and $g(n) = n^2$

Little-o Definition:

We say $f(n) \in o(g(n))$ if for any constant $c > 0$, there exists n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$: $f(n) < c \cdot g(n)$

PROOF:

$$f(n) = n^{1.5} + \log_2 n$$

$$g(n) = n^2$$

We need to show that $f(n)$ grows strictly slower than $g(n)$

For large n , $n^{1.5}$ dominates $\log_2 n$, so we can focus on comparing $n^{1.5}$ with n^2

$$\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \frac{n^{1.5} + \log_2 n}{n^2} = \frac{n^{1.5}}{n^2} + \frac{\log_2 n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^{0.5}} + \frac{\log_2 n}{n^2}$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{1}{n^{0.5}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\log_2 n}{n^2} \rightarrow 0$$

Thus $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ which means that $f(n)$ grows

strictly slower than $g(n)$

$\therefore f(n) \in o(g(n))$ is true

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